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Abstract
This paper examines the connection between Buddhist essential teachings and human communication in the East Asian context. The essential Buddhist teachings, including the perception of reality, living the present moment, mindfulness, compassion, the four noble truths, and the six paramitas are first delineated. The paper then analyzes how these Buddhist teachings influence East Asian communication behaviors from five perspectives: ontological assumptions, communication ethics, communication behaviors, relationship development, and rhetorical communication. It is concluded that although Buddhist teachings show great impact on the life of East Asians, the influence of other religions and thoughts should not be ignored.

Recent research on Asian communication has provided insights into the concepts of yuan, dependent origination, (Chang & Holt, 1991a, 2002; Ishii, 1998),...
relationship and networking, (Chang & Holt, 1991b; Chen, 2001; Hwang, 1997; Jia, 2001). Taoist perspectives, such as acceptance on conflict and persuasion, as well have drawn communication & Holt, 2002; Crawford, 1996, 1997, 2002). In addition, in study perspectives on conflict and emotional adversities, Chuang (2001) and philosophical roots of Asian values through Buddhist tea. Chuang’s study by further examining the connection between teachings and human communication in the East Asian conte

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